

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**OhioMeansJobs Lake County Partner Meeting**  
**March 5, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Lake County Department of Job and Family Service**

**Partner Representatives in Attendance**

Carrie Dotson, Lifeline  
Gretchen Skok-Disanto, Lakeland Community College  
Margaret Lynch, Auburn Career Center  
Vickie Cook, ODJFS  
Dan Koncos, ODJFS  
Carolyn O'Connor, OOD  
Michelle Stowe-Caya, ODJFS Veterans

**Staff in Attendance**

Leslie Ryan, LCDJFS  
Robert Dawson, LCDJFS  
Matthew Battiato, LCDJFS

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. and each attendee was asked to introduce themselves to the group. We were pleased to have Eric Schwartz from Goodwill present. He is the new CEO of Goodwill. Minutes of the December 4, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Matt Battiato made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Dan Koncos.

Robert Dawson provided a thorough review of WIA and WIOA. We reviewed the letter that he drafted and sent to Governor Kasich referencing automatic designation and that we will not be receiving this designation under WIOA. These concerns have been shared with John Weber and the office of Workforce Development. Bob also handed out a WIOA Estimated Performance Report for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter PY 2014. We will continue to get Performance Reports under WIA. This WIOA Report shows that we are exceeding all measures under WIOA. Bob also reviewed the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment program being proposed. This program will initially focus on young adults, ages 16-24, and will quickly include all adults with incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. The Program focuses on two existing programs, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which will be integrated.

Leslie Ryan reviewed the Balanced Scorecard as of December 31, 2014. Midway through the year, we are on track in most areas. Our direct placement numbers are not on track and we continue to have ongoing discussions with our placement staff in order to remedy this issue. Bob talked about our ROI expenditures along with our methodology. Leslie talked about the implementation of our workshops which began at the end of February 2015. Bob also discussed the Ohio Works Incentive Program. We are doing a great job at assisting individual receiving OWF to find and retain employment. A total of 75 individuals have gained employment through this Program.

Michelle Stowe-Caya talked about Veterans Priority of Service. She provided us with two documents, including the New Veterans Questionnaire. She advised that OMJ staff and the staff at the front desk have been provided with information in order to properly direct Veterans who come in for services. This was deemed as useful information as we have been informed that Mystery Shoppers will be visiting OMJ Centers in Ohio. Michelle mentioned that the DOL has requested that Terry Morgan our Veterans Liaison has been invited to attend training in Colorado. No more details were available.

Leslie Ryan talked about our library Outreach Events. Alan Miller conducted two workshops at the Mentor Public Library and they were well attended. They have indicated that they wish to schedule additional sessions. In February 2015, we participated in the Guiding Ohio Online

Initiative. This is an innovative program through AmeriCorps that helps to deliver digital literacy training through computer classes, one-on-one computer assistance, outreach and volunteer recruitment. Two sessions were held at Madison Public Library. The session at Perry Public Library was cancelled due to weather. The sessions were not well attended, but it afforded us the opportunity to partner with the Library and share information and resources.

Vickie talked about the creation of a Workshop Session designed for HB2 claimants. This was developed to help individuals meet the requirements outlined in HB2 in order to continue to receive unemployment. So far, we have had a good response and as a result, less staff time will be used in the career center to address these issues. Vickie also mentioned that REA sessions have ended as they have met their requirements. She will notify us when these resume.

Carolyn mentioned that they have no waiting list for their services and have three groups receiving services; disabled, severely disabled and the most severely disabled. We will meet to discuss capturing their placement data. Gretchen spoke about their Welding Grant along with their continued work with high school students pursuing Associate degrees. Carrie mentioned that they are wrapping up their HEAP season. They are running Tax Clinics for low income individuals and have funding for their Job Training Program. They will be starting a Truck Driver Training Program.

Administrator Dawson talked about the transition from WIA to WIOA which will include the development and implementation of a State, Regional and Local Plan and provided a newsy update on the OWIP Program. Bob also spoke about the M.O.U. and that under WIOA that partners will be required to pay for infrastructure costs. Director Battiatto spoke about changes Agency-wide including Medicaid Expansion. We are trying to get the word out regarding the importance of re-application process as this is creating a significant backlog. In January 2015 it is estimated that 80,000 individuals failed to return their Medicaid application.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20 am. The next meeting is Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00